

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing system comprising:

an information disclosing server for disclosing contents; and

5 a portal server for obtaining information regarding contents from the information disclosing server and for creating display data provided to a client,

wherein the information disclosing server comprising:

contents storing means for storing the contents; and

10 additional information storing means for storing additional information indicating the respective attributes of contents to be disclosed of contents stored in the contents storing means and relations among the contents to be disclosed,

further wherein the portal server comprising:

15 additional information obtaining means for obtaining additional information stored in the additional information storing means in the information disclosing server;

additional information storage means for storing additional information obtained by the additional information

20 obtaining means;

display data creating means for obtaining, in the case of a request having been made from the client, the appropriate additional information from the additional information storage means and for creating display data; and

25 sending means for sending display data created by the display data creating means to the client which made a request.

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2. The information processing system according to claim
1, wherein the additional information storage means stores the
additional information by creating folders having a hierarchical
structure which corresponds to the logical structure of the
5 contents and by storing the respective attributes of the contents
in each of the folders.

3. The information processing system according to claim
2, wherein information for designating a template used to create
10 the display data is associated with the folders, further wherein
the display data creating means creates display data according
to an appropriate template.

4. The information processing system according to claim
15 3, wherein the template creates display data according to an
argument provided by a client or according to an argument stored
in the additional information storage means.

5. The information processing system according to claim
20 4, wherein the additional information storage means contains
a shortcut by which other folders or contents can be referred
to from a predetermined folder.

6. The information processing system according to claim
25 5, further comprising editing means for editing additional
information stored in the additional information storage means.

7. The information processing system according to claim
6, further comprising user additional information storage means
for storing additional information according to users, wherein
the editing means also edits additional information stored in
5 the user additional information storage means, further wherein
the display data creating means also creates display data from
additional information stored in the user additional information
storage means.

10 8. The information processing system according to claim
1, wherein the additional information obtaining means obtains
additional information from the information disclosing server
by a method designated in advance.

15 9. The information processing system according to claim
1, further comprising additional information creating means for
creating additional information from contents stored in the
contents storing means.

20 10. An information disclosing server for disclosing
contents, the server comprising:

contents storing means for storing the contents; and
additional information storing means for storing
additional information indicating the respective attributes of
25 contents to be disclosed of contents stored in the contents
storing means and relations among the contents to be disclosed.

11. A computer-readable record medium recording a computer program executed on an information disclosing server for disclosing contents, the program comprising the functions of:

5 contents storing means for storing the contents; and additional information storing means for storing additional information indicating the respective attributes of contents to be disclosed of contents stored in the contents storing means and relations among the contents to be disclosed.

10 12. A portal server for obtaining information regarding contents from an information disclosing server for disclosing contents and for creating display data provided to a client, the portal server comprising:

15 additional information obtaining means for obtaining additional information stored in the additional information storing means in the information disclosing server; additional information storage means for storing additional information obtained by the additional information obtaining means;

20 display data creating means for obtaining, in the case of a request having been made from the client, the appropriate additional information from the additional information storage means and for creating display data; and

25 sending means for sending display data created by the display data creating means to the client which made a request.

13. A computer-readable record medium recording a
computer program executed on a portal server for obtaining
information regarding contents from an information disclosing
server for disclosing contents to a client and for creating
5 display data provided to each client, the program comprising
the functions of:

additional information obtaining means for obtaining
additional information stored in the additional information
storing means in the information disclosing server;

10 additional information storage means for storing
additional information obtained by the additional information
obtaining means;

display data creating means for obtaining, in the case
of a request having been made from the client, the appropriate
15 additional information from the additional information storage
means and for creating display data; and

sending means for sending display data created by the
display data creating means to the client which made a request.